

GIA to Issue Alexandrite Reports



RAPAPORT... The Gemological Institute of America (GIA) will expand its Colored Stone Identification & Origin Report services to include alexandrite.

The report contains the stone's basic details, including cut, shape, weight, measurement and color. In addition, it specifies whether the stone is natural or lab-grown, lists any detectable treatments, and offers a research-based opinion on the gem's geographic origin.

"Offering an alexandrite Identification & Origin Report continues GIA's mission to bring our research-based laboratory services to our clients," Shane McClure, the GIA's global director of colored-stone services, said last week. "This service ultimately benefits the gem-and-jewelry-buying public by providing reliable reports."

The GIA also issues colored-stone identification reports for rubies, emeralds, Paraiba tourmalines and red spinels.

Image: A ring with alexandrite stone. (Shutterstock)